

30 mins



Heathland hunt

Activity guide:

Equipment required:

- Printed species sheets (L_C_1)
- Reward tokens
- Sheet of facts

To play the game:

This game can be played outside with children running to stand behind the correct answer or in a classroom with children voting for the correct answers with slips of paper with their names on or putting their hands up. The instructions below are for the outdoor version.

1. Lay out the photos of the six species on the floor with enough space around them for the children to gather.
2. Read out the facts one by one. The children run to whichever species they think the fact is referring to.
3. The children behind the correct species are given a token.
4. Keep repeating until someone reaches six tokens.
5. The facts and species can then be discussed as a class.

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Facts:

- We can reach speeds of 45mph - **Hare**
- We give birth to between 6 and 20 live young - **Adder**
- We have a wingspan of 20cm - **Stonechat**
- We nest in sea caves, old mine workings, abandoned buildings - **Chough**
- We need to use the sun to warm up - **Adder**
- It has sharp spikes to deter grazing animals - **Gorse**
- We pair for life - **Chough**
- We can frequently be seen sitting on the top of gorse bushes - **Stonechat**
- We are thought to have been introduced into the UK in Roman Times - **Hare**
- Can be used as a yellow dye - **Gorse**
- Is also called 'ling' - **Heather**
- We love to eat ants - **Chough**
- It used to be used to make brooms - **Heather**
- It smells of coconut - **Gorse**
- We have a sharp loud call that sounds like two stones being hit together
Stonechat
- It can live for over 40 years - **Heather**
- We do not dig burrows but shelter in 'forms', which are shallow depressions in the ground or grass - **Hare**
- We have red eyes - **Adder**

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Hare

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Chough



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Stonechat



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Heather



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Gorse



Adder

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